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BEFORE THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 1997

Docket No. R97-1

MOTION OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY DBP/USPS-101 (December 9, 1997)

The United States Postal Service hereby moves for late acceptance of the response of witness Needham to David B. Popkin's interrogatory DBP/USPS-101, filed November 24, 1997. The response is one day late, because the absence of personnel during the Thanksgiving holiday period delayed the start of work on the response, and obtaining responsive information from the field took longer than anticipated. The Postal Service will provide the response to Mr. Popkin today by facsimile copy.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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475 L'Enfant Plaza West, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20260–1137 December 9, 1997